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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 3208

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, PFOR, ID, US

SUBJECT: U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN

1. DURING VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILLER TO JAKARTA MARCH 8-9 SUBJECT AROSE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH INDONESIANS OF U.S. PUBLIC POSTURE TOWARD ASEAN.

2. PRIMARY CONVERSATIONS WERE WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL ADENAN, HEAD OF EAST ASIAN SECTION OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, AND BRIGADIER GENERAL NOERMANLI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDONESIAN ASEAN SECRETARIAT. IN BOTH CASES QUESTION RE USG PUBLIC POSITION ON ASEAN WAS PUT IN TERMS OF STRONG U.S. BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EACH ASEAN COUNTRY BUT CORRESPONDING DESIRE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY EMBARRASSMENT TO ASEAN.

3. BOTH MEN SEPARATELY EXPRESSED AS THEIR PERSONAL OPINION THAT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES UNITED STATES SHOULD REMAIN OFFICIALLY SILENT ON ASEAN DEVELOPMENTS. ADENAN COM-

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MENTED THAT U.S. STILL TOO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH

INDOCHINA PROBLEM.

4. NOERMANLI STATED EVEN MORE STRONGLY THAT U.S. SHOULD MAKE NO STATEMENTS AND RAISED AS HIS PERSONAL VIEW DOUBT THAT IT WAS EVEN IN ASEAN INTERESTS TO HAVE ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. FOR TIME BEING. HE POINTED OUT THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH EEC WERE POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY WERE WITH "NO SINGLE COUNTRY."

5. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT ASEAN SENSITIVITIES WILL EXTEND TO OPPOSITION TO ULTIMATE ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. VIEWS OF ADENAN AND NOERMANLI, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT AT LEAST AS FAR AS INDONESIA IS CONCERNED POLICY OF U.S. RESTRAINT ON REFERENCES TO ASEAN IS WELCOME. BOTH MEN SPOKE IN FRIENDLY TERMS AND SEEMED TO APPRECIATE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN.  
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